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Sir :

In response to the Official Action dated December 20, 2006, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on March 20, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.